

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 5/4/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,7-9,11-14,16-19,21-26,28-30, and 33-48 (respectively renumbered as 1-4,24,5-7,37,8-23,25-31,35,32-34, and 36).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 June 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 7-9, 11-14, 16-19, 21-26, 28-30, and 33-48 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a device for mounting a camera relative to a portable computer, in combination with all the other elements claimed, comprising:
  - a. An interference fit that includes a projection formed on the second opening, and a detent formed in the recess (claim 1).
  - b. A hinge that includes a shaft formed in the holder with a slit therein, an L-shaped pin, a first end which rotatably fits into the slit in the shaft, and a second end of which fits non-movably on the camera, and a spring which surrounds the shaft and exerts inward pressure on the shaft and pin (claims 17 and 26)
  - c. Moving the holder in a direction along the axis so that a second mating member formed on the holder removably engages the first mating member of the base; wherein the step of moving the holder in the direction along the axis further comprises outwardly flexing a portion of the holder, and engaging a projection formed on the holder with a detent formed on the base (claim 29).
  - d. A hinge formed between the holder and the camera to allow the camera to be moved relative to the holder, wherein the hinge includes a shaft formed in the holder with a slit therein, an L-shaped pin, a first end which rotatably fits into the slit in the shaft, and a second end of which fits non-movably on the camera, and a spring which surrounds the shaft and exerts inward pressure on the shaft and

pin, and wherein the first end rotates in a frictional arrangement in the shaft (claim 36).

e. Wherein the stand has an axis, and the holder and the stand are removably engaged by placing the first opening of the holder over the receptacle of the stand perpendicular relative to the stand axis, and sliding the holder in the direction of the stand axis such that the second opening of the holder engages the receptacle of the stand by an interference fit (claim 48).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather R. Long whose telephone number is 571-272-7368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs.: 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, and every other Fri.: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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